

IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

SERVANT PROBLEM IN HONOLULU AS A MATTER OF GOOD ENGLISH

BY A HOUSEKEEPER.

Conversations and experiences similar to the following are frequent occurrences in Honolulu, and those to whom they are familiar would not doubt be glad of some effective remedy.

"Hello!"
"Hello!"
"Is that 666?"
"Yes."
"Missus stop!"
"Yes, stop."
"I want to speak with Missus, please."

"Oh, Missus down town go."
"What time will she come home?"
"Yes, come home."

After these, and a dozen or so other queries are put to the servant the inquirer usually hangs up the telephone receiver in disgust. Still, day after day that same thing occurs, not in one household but in many. Neither are they infrequent in business houses. One large concern in Honolulu lost the trade of a firm of even greater prominence because the Oriental who answered the telephone could not take an order correctly. Likewise, in the home it is next to impossible to secure a servant with education who speaks enough English to answer a 'phone and give an understandable reply. The reason is that the majority of servants are Japanese. Some who claim to be cooks are in reality yard-boys who have had no opportunity to attend school.

A few of the housewives are rebelling against these conditions and are following the example of the women of fifteen years past. In those days most of the housemaids were young Hawaiian girls who were educated at the convent or at Kamehameha school. These girls demand no more salary than do the Oriental men and women and yet as servants they are said to be far superior. Being able to speak English they are capable of learning almost anything. At the present time there are a number of young Chinese girls who are seeking, and in some instances finding employment, in the kitchen. These girls are surprisingly good servants. They seem to be stronger than the Japanese and are better workers.

In some of the business houses where Orientals are employed, there seems but one feasible excuse—they are not willing to pay enough to support a white man or even an educated Chinese. The Hawaiian-born Chinese who has received a high-school education is competent to hold a responsible office position, but, like the white man, he wants to be well paid, for when he marries he treats his wife as do his associates in America. His ideals seem to be higher, and as a rule he has ambition. The buyers usually know where intelligent office

assistants are employed and they are more apt to make their purchases there.

Loss May Be Serious.

In the case mentioned above where a local firm lost the trade of another firm, the money spent in that line of goods easily ran into the thousands in a year, and even a small amount of the total taken in would have paid a competent man. But in trying to save a very few dollars the firm lost thousands. No doubt there are many similar cases and if the business houses are not now conscious of the fact it is time for them to take notice.

In the hotels and restaurants the same complaint is made. In the places where there is no private switchboard a Japanese table boy usually answers the telephone, and his answer to almost any question is "Yes." Then in the restaurants where Japanese are employed as waiters it is often most trying to give an order. And when one wants kidney saute and has repeated his order half a dozen times or so he gives up in despair and asks for mutton stew. The next day, however, he takes his meals elsewhere. Chinamen make splendid waiters, telephone boys, messengers and cooks until they become too egotistical. And, alas! they are often not in one employ long before such is the case. At many of the hotels the telephone boy becomes far too interested in the conversation of the two parties talking and sometimes repeats what he has heard. At other times they do not bother to connect parties. Many complaints are made by the tourists about the absolute indifference which the telephone and bell boys show.

There seems but one thing to be done, the hotels managers, housewives and employers should be willing to do their part towards securing good servants by allowing them no leeway and by being willing to pay enough for competent help and by not tolerating help that is unsatisfactory.

UNIVERSITY CLUB TO HAVE BEACH ANNEX

In response to a postcard inquiry, most of the members of the University Club have expressed themselves favorable to having a club annex at Waikiki. An option has been taken by the governors on the Macfarlane cottage, between the Wilder and Young places. The cottage has conveniences for sea bathing, is equipped with shower baths and has space for lockers. The annex is to be open for members and their families at stipulated hours.

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Y. W. C. A. PLANS TO LOWER DUES

At a meeting of the members of the Young Women's Christian Association to be held in the association's rooms in the Boston building, Tuesday, October 22, the changes in the present constitution which have been recommended will be read and the opinion of the members will be solicited. On October 26, the regular annual meeting of the association will be held at the Homestead on King street, and the changes in the constitution will be voted on. The changes refer especially to the reducing of the senior membership from two dollars to one dollar per year, and of the junior membership from one dollar to fifty cents per year. They also relate to the enlargement of the board of directors.

The regular Sunday vesper services were held at the Homestead yesterday with an unusually large attendance. The principle talk of the afternoon was given by Miss Esther Anderson, who for five years has been secretary of the National Association, and is now on her way to the coast from association work in Australia. Her talk was mainly on the Y. W. C. A. work in Australia and she told a number of interesting things about the girls in that country. Miss Anderson became very fond of the life in Australia finding among the people there many true friends.

On account of illness, Mrs. Dean W. Wickes did not speak. Miss Lilian Brady sang "Flee as a Bird" and after the gospel talk upon the subject "Powers of the Unseen" tea was served to those present.

Mrs. Honeyman, who is visiting in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Barker, was a guest at the meeting. For many years Mrs. Honeyman was president of the Portland, Oregon, association and at one time was on the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

The French class will meet for its second lesson tomorrow afternoon from three until four o'clock. Enrollments are still being taken for this class. A Spanish class has been arranged to follow immediately after the French class from four until five o'clock. These classes are under the direction of Miss Laura Baker.

NEWCOMERS GET HEARTY WELCOME

The regular Sunday meeting of the Newcomer's Club was held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday with the usual large attendance. Preceding the discussion, Anderson's instrumental trio rendered a fine musical program in the lobby. These concerts, as well as the discussions have become very popular and are well attended. Following is the program:

Hungarian Dance, No. 5.....Brahms
Violin Solo—Le Cygne (the swan)
.....Saint Saens

G. Domingo
Overture—Poet and Peasant.....Suppe
Cello Solo—The Rosary.....Nevin

Frank Anderson
Tales of Hoffman.....Offenbach
Selection—Spring Maid.....Smith

In the absence of Ed. Towse, the discussion was led by General Secretary Super, of which the topic was "Jesus and War." The principle point was whether or not war was in accordance with the teachings of Jesus. The War in Mexico, Nicaragua and the Balkans made the discussion timely and both sides were represented. The personal consensus of opinion was that there are occasions when war is for the purpose of righting a great wrong, as was the case in Cuba and that war was the only way, right or wrong, to settle some dispute until an international court of arbitrators and police force were in effective operation.

Following the discussion the fellowship supper was held in the cafeteria and all who cared to remain were invited.

Physical director Lau has an interesting new game in the physical department which has made a great hit with the business men. The game is called punch-ball, and is practically basket ball played by punning the ball around on the floor instead of tossing it. The men have taken to it strongly on account of its "opt" reducing qualities. The men will take their second try at it this afternoon at the meeting of the business men's gymnasium club.

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RECREATIONS

LAST CISNEROS CONCERT AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

Countess de Cisneros, M. Dufault, tenor and James Liebling, cellist, will give their last concert tonight at the Hawaiian Opera House, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. The program is as follows:

Sur le Lac.....Godard
Le Cygne.....Saint Saens
Scherzo.....Van Goens
Mon coeur s'ouvre a ta voix (Samson et Delila).....Saint Saens
Eleonora de Cisneros
Inspirez Moi (Queen of Sheba).....Gounod
Paul Dufault

Largo.....Handel
Eleonora de Cisneros
Cello obligato, James Liebling
The Thresher, Sweet Babe a Golden Cradle Holds Thee, The Foggy Dew.....Old Irish (1500-1600)
Eleonora de Cisneros

Vous Danse Marquise.....Lemaire
Traume.....Wagner
Amore Amore.....Trindelli
Eleonora de Cisneros

Rhapsodie Hongroise.....Popper
James Liebling
O Don Fatale (Don Carlos).....Verdi
Eleonora de Cisneros

Entreaty.....W. Smith
Thousand Years Ago.....Bruno Huhn
The Trumpeter.....Dix
Paul Dufault

By special request Madame de Cisneros will sing "Brunhilde's Battle Cry," by Wagner.

NEW ACT AT YE LIBERTY TONIGHT

The Sierra this morning brought a number of vaudeville acts for the Consolidated Amusement Co. and Manager McGreer was on the go from early morn until late in the afternoon arranging for accommodations of the Thespians. What gave him more trouble and worry than anything else was the pony circus which he had scheduled for the Liberty tonight. But the Territorial vets insisted that the little animals had to undergo quarantine whether they were trained or not. Appealing, McGreer was unable to get his ponies off so he will have to postpone their opening until Thursday night.

One of the other big acts that arrived this morning but didn't get McGreer any trouble, is La Boheme, a trio of high class vocalists and instrumentalists, who will be headliners at the Liberty tonight.

The trio which consists of E. Molinaro, baritone, N. Giustat, bass, and A. Roues, tenor, have elaborate press notices and it seems that they scored heavily wherever they appear. One of the notices refer to them as the best act in vaudeville today.

The holdovers, Pattersons, Models, Lancaster Opera Co. and Miss "Boheme" Palma will make tonight's night an unusually strong one. A number of first run pictures depicting the ever popular Western life will add to the attractiveness of the bill.

"CHOOSING A WIFE" SUBJECT OF SERMON

At the Methodist Episcopal Church last night Rev. Elmer Smith delivered the first of a series of forceful sermons on the important subject "Choosing a Wife." This advice was founded on practical everyday judgment as well as a study of psychology and its relation to the sexes, and a large crowd gathered to hear the talk on subjects concerning the home and private life of men and women. Mr. Smith had chosen as his text "Who so findeth a wife, findeth a good thing"—Prov. 18-22, and "A prudent wife is from the Lord"—Prov. 19-24.

During the course of his sermon he said: "Marriage, when two persons are properly mated, is not only the normal state of men but it is the ideal state of man. Of course when people are not properly mated marriage is far removed from the ideal. All people find that love is bliss, but alas, some people find that marriage is a blister. Some one has defined matrimony as 'that state which is a blessing to a few, a curse to many and a great uncertainty to all.' Another cynic declares that the only difference between honeymoon and honeymoon is that the former is a lot of little cells while the latter is a great big cell."

"The most terrible tragedy imaginable is that of a pure, beautiful woman innocently sacrificing herself on the altar of diseased and depraved manhood. Such a man who folds in his slimy embrace such a woman, is guilty before God and men of the most heinous crimes. Any punishment in this world or the next is too good for him. Any true man would rather see his daughter go into the jaws of a man-eating shark or into the treacherous arms of a giant octopus than into the matrimonial arms of a well-dressed, but rotten man."

BETWEEN FRIENDS.

Belle—How silly men are when they propose! Why my husband acted like a perfect fool.
Nell—That's what everybody thought when your engagement was announced.—London Opinion.

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The supreme court of California has decided that the Roosevelt electors have the sole right to appear on the Republican ballot.

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Congress authorized similar high power radio stations, in addition to the one on the canal zone, on the California coast, in the Hawaiian Islands, in Samoa, on the island of Guam and in the Philippines.

Efforts will be made to have the Panama station and the one to be erected on the California coast in operation by the time of the opening of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. An ideal site is available on the beach near San Francisco. Advantages of that site will be its proximity to the fortifications near San Francisco and its facilities for wireless communication with the Hawaiian islands.

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